

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST
TETON BASIN RANGER DISTRICT**

***OCCUPANCY AND USE
LENGTH OF STAY***

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) & (b), the following act is prohibited on the area, roads, and trails as described in this order, all within the Teton Basin Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest until further notice.

- 1. Camping, maintaining a camp site, or staying overnight for more than five (5) consecutive nights at the same location, or within five miles of any location previously occupied overnight or used as a campsite during the five day period. 36 CFR 261.58(a).**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

1. Those areas within ¼ mile of either side of the road along Mike Harris Canyon, (FS Road #239), and Moose Creek, (FS Road #276) to the end of the road.
2. The area within ¼ mile of either side of the road along Highway 22, starting at the Forest boundary in Idaho to the top of Teton Pass in Wyoming. (Administrative boundary for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest)

PURPOSE:

This order is intended to manage the high overnight recreational/residential use along Highway 22, within the Teton Pass area. With the assistance of Forest Prevention Officers and forest LE personnel, the public would be able to overnight camp within the canyons for a five-day period then leave the area for other campers and also give the resources a break from recreational use.

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. In recent years, the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Teton Basin Ranger District has seen an increase in its recreational use along Highway 22, near the Teton Pass area. There are two developed campgrounds along the highway, the Mike Harris campground located in Idaho and the Trail Creek campground located just east of the Wyoming state line. These campgrounds receive high use during the summer months and are at or near full capacity on key weekends and holidays. The campgrounds are located just one half hour from Jackson, Wyoming, one of the largest tourist destinations in the western states.

Because of the high demand on the campgrounds, the forest has seen an increase in its dispersed camping. Because the area is not very large, there are only so many places where terrain allows the public to camp overnight. These places are occupied by the public throughout the summer months and are occupied for 16 days at a time, as per the Greater Yellowstone Area Order, (GYCC-4). Due to the high use in these areas, the natural resources have been impacted at a higher rate than in other parts of the forest.

There has also been an increase in the amount of forest users residing in the canyons along the Teton Pass area on National Forest lands. Teton County Sheriff's Department, as well as forest LE personnel have reported an alarming rate of public use residing in the area. This is due to the Bridger-Teton's enforcement outside of the Jackson, Wyoming area and its residential problems. Commuters working in Jackson are often found residing along the highway in several canyons on the Bridger Teton and Caribou-Targhee National Forests.

This order would help move campers out of a high use area in a timelier manner as to not create any resource damage and help forest and local law enforcement personnel with residential issues.

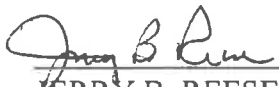
2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order is intended to manage the high overnight recreational/residential use along Highway 22, within the Teton Pass area. With the assistance of Forest Prevention Officers and forest LE personnel, the public would be able to overnight camp within the canyons for a five day period then leave the area for other campers and also give the resources a break from recreational use.
3. Enforcement Plan. Appropriate staff, Forest Protection Officers, Law Enforcement Officers and other field going personnel will enforce the order while patrolling area. The first year will consist of educating visitors concerning the new Forest Order.

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Responsible Official</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Prepare proposed order | District Staff | 7/2003 |
| Review proposed order | Zone Patrol Captain | 8/2003 |
| Review proposed order | Teton Basin District Ranger | 7/2003 |

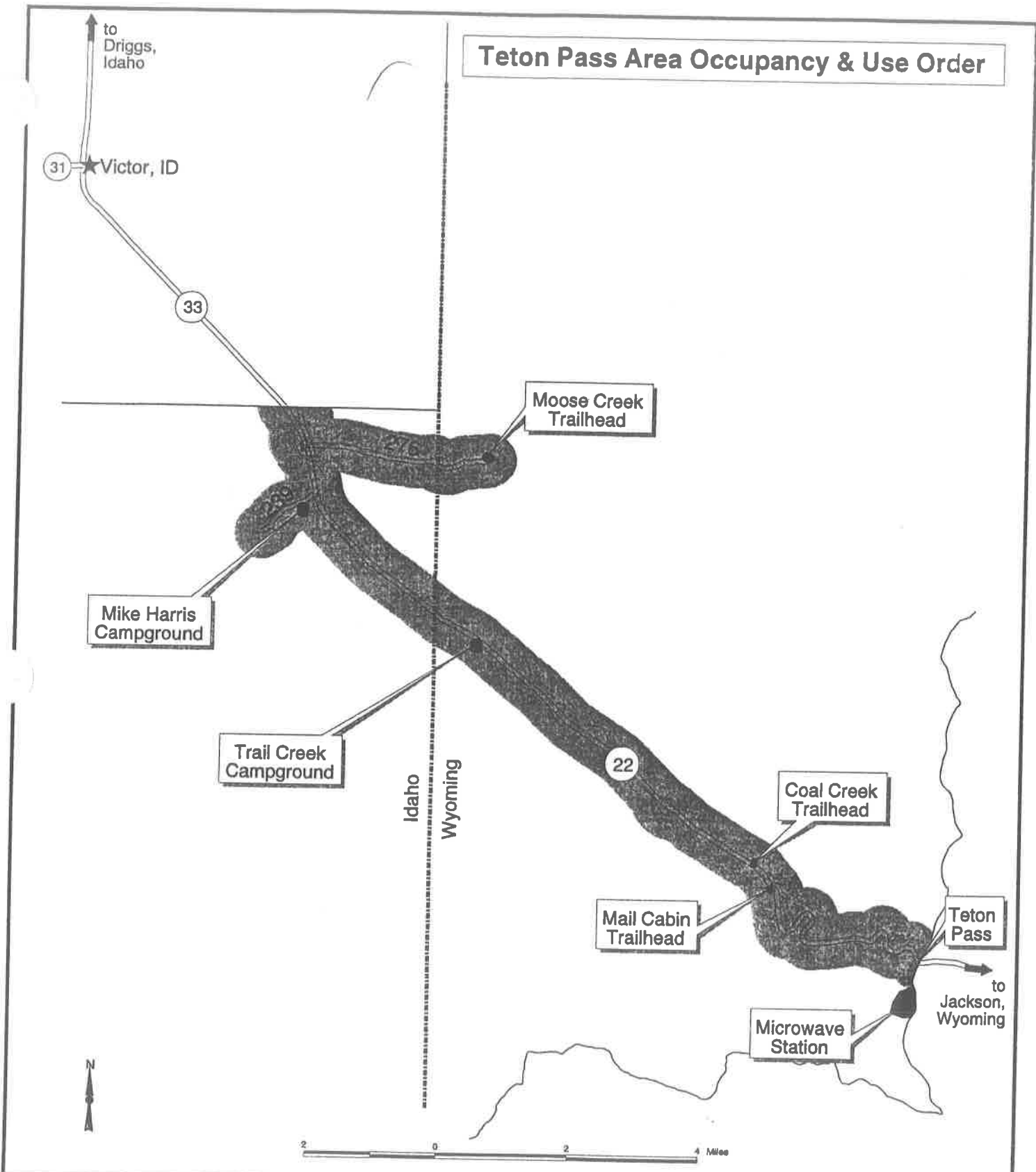
CONTINUATION

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Responsible Official</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|---|--|-------------|
| Review proposed order | Regional Office | 8/2003 |
| Approve proposed order | Forest Supervisor | 9/2003 |
| Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51 | District Staff Officer and staff | 9/2003 |
| Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives | District Ranger PAO Zone PC/LEO | |
| Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerances, contacts to local public agencies. | Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel | 9/2003 |
| Enforcement Plan approved for implementation: | | 9/2003 |


JERRY B. REESE
Forest Supervisor
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

9/5/03
Date



Legend

- == Road System
- Forest Boundary
- █ Occupancy & Use Restriction Area

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CFR 261.58 (a)

Caribou - Targhee National Forest

Attachment to:
Order No. 04-15-00

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. For the purpose of this order, these restrictions become effective May 1 through September 30, each year, until rescinded or revoked.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above-described area.

Done at Idaho Falls, Idaho this ^{27th} day of January, 2010.



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Order Number: 04-15-112